

Church News.

FROM CONEMAUGH, PA.

We recently closed a successful revival meeting in this place. Eleven precious souls made the good confession, one remains yet to be baptized. At one time during our meeting there were five protracted meetings being held in this place; three of them closed without any conversions, one with three, and we closed with eleven. The church is built up and I am also encouraged from the fact that the church occupies a higher standard of spirituality than ever before since my acquaintance with it.

I am glad to know the church in general is growing rapidly. We close with one confession and a good interest; there are a number of others whom we think will come to the church in the near future. The Conemaugh congregation have concluded to stand alone the coming year, and have engaged the writer to serve them as pastor. So my pastoral work will be centered in this one congregation, and hope and pray for a successful year. My next effort in revival work will be at Fairview, one of my regular appointments. May God's richest blessings rest upon every effort for good and the conversion of souls.

Feb. 17, '96.

J. F. KOONTZ.

SHE FOUND IT EASY TO DIE.

February 12, we buried sister May Syster from Bethany church, Kansas. Sister May joined church some twelve years ago, being baptized by brother Wm. Bauman. She has lived a consistent life and when death came he found her ready. My acquaintance with her dates from the dedication of the church over three years ago. After becoming pastor I soon found she was a member to be depended on, prompt and earnest in the discharge of her duties, a good wife, kind mother and cheerful neighbor. "Thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be empty."

For a few days Sister May was suffering from a severe cold. Ever looking on the bright side she thought it would soon get better, but having weak lungs to contend with, the disease took a deeper hold than was anticipated. On Saturday afternoon she took her bed, on Monday afternoon at three o'clock she was dead. Two doctors were with her all day Sunday and all during the night. But all their skill failed to keep off the last enemy.

At her request I anointed her according to the teaching of James, and told her the chances were against her and asked if she had any message for her church. She

immediately responded: "Tell them to be more faithful to their God." I again prayed. She joined in the "Amen," and with a smile said: "Brother Mc. it is easy to die." The word easy is best appreciated by those of us who watched through the long hours with her and saw her body suffer.

She possessed her faculties up to nearly the last, probably within five minutes of her death. Just before she died she smiled at sweet promises of Jesus, and quietly followed in the Lord's Prayer. Then like a babe going to sleep she left earthly friends and joined those who have crossed the flood. Her funeral sermon was preached in Bethany church where she had so often knelt in prayer, and though the day was stormy and cold the building was not large enough to hold the people who sought to pay in this way the last sad token of respect and love. Brother E. L. Yoder, who married her a few short years ago took part in the service. She leaves a husband Blain Syster, a little girl just out of her second year. Brother and Sister Wallace, who were father and mother to her, sisters and brothers, with a great host of friends, who while they can not keep back the tear of sorrow, yet hope to meet again some sweet day in God's own time.

Seeing them cry around her bed, she said: "There is nothing to cry over." Appropriate are the following lines.

"No breaking hearts are there.

No keen and thrilling pain,

No wasted cheek where the frequent tear

Hath rolled and left its stain.

Then why should our tears run down,

And our hearts be sorely riven,

There's another gem in the Saviour's crown,

Another soul in heaven.

She hath learned the song they sing

Whom Jesus hath set free,

And the glorious walls of heaven shall ring

With her new born melody."

J. D. MCFADEN.

NEWS ALONG THE LINES.

After two weeks of hard work; closed the meetings at Middle Run Brethren church, with eight accessions. Six by baptism and two restored, and three others that have not been baptized. We had a grand meeting, the church was much revived. We meet Friday, the 12th, in council to readjust the church book. There are many names on it, that cannot be accounted for, and also to try to arrange for the apportionment of the College debt, and will make an effort for subscribers for the EVANGELIST. Will begin our protracted effort in Masontown next week.

Respectfully,

J. W. FITZGERALD.

PROGRAM UNION MEETING.

To be Held at Dunlaps, Ind., Saturday and Sunday, March 28 and 29, 1896.

SATURDAY A. M.

10:00, Devotional Service, Cyrus Miller.

10:30, Remarks from President.

10:35, How Can I Live so as to Strengthen Weaker Members? Noah Blough.

10:40, Discussion led by Miss Hattie Cline.

11:00, Am I Benefited by Reading the B. E. and K. C. Papers? Daniel Culp.

11:05, Discussion, Phebe Swart.

11:30, When shall the Bible be read in the Home? Mrs. Margaret Clark.

11:35, Discussion, Samuel Mountjoy.

P. M.

1:20, Song and Praise Service, Daniel Riggle.

1:30, Sermon, Rev. I. N. Miller.

2:00, Reports of churches and remarks.

Reports of Sabbath-schools, and remarks.

Reports of K. C. Societies, and remarks.

Reports of S. S. C. E., Societies and remarks.

2:20, A Little Child Shall Lead Them, Mrs. Nancy Sheets.

2:25, Discussion, Mary Metzger.

2:30, United Efforts, Deity Ettlein.

2:36, Discussion, Rev. J. Stuckman.

3:00, Report of Committee on Feasibility of the Goshen church.

Song and Benediction.

7:30, Communion Service.

SUNDAY PROGRAM.

9:30, Sabbath-school.

10:30, Sermon, Rev. A. S. Menaugh.

Organization of Jr. K. C.

P. M.

6:20, K. C. Service.

7:30, Sermon, Rev. A. R. Bemenderfer.

Hoping that each congregation in the county will be represented, "for in union there is strength." All are welcome for everyone will be cared for in all ways.

IDA A. SIMMONDS, Sec.

FROM MIAMISBURG, O.

At the close of our series of meetings, I will endeavor to make a short report of the work done here. Perhaps some may think we are doing little good as we are so seldom heard from. We had the pleasure of having brother J. M. Bowman of Glenford, O., to hold our meetings. He came filled with the Holy Spirit and power to preach the Gospel. The meeting continued three weeks which resulted in five conversions, and some are yet counting the cost. We feel much good has been accomplished and pray the work may go on until more will turn from sin and accept the ways of the Lord.

Feb. 17.

CLARA NIEBEL.